

Appln No. 09/522,184
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-94 are currently pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 6, 14-17, 26, 40, 48-50, 58-61, 71-73, 76, 83-85 and 93. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have cancelled the missing feature from the claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13, 26-47, 71-82 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have cancelled the term drive from the claims. Applicants have also amended claims 1, 26, 71 and 93 to place them in better condition for allowance in accordance with U.S. Practice. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-94 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 14, 26, 48, 71 and 83 to place them in better condition for allowance in accordance with U.S. Practice. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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It is therefore respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-94 are in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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